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Appellant: Hugh H. Birch et al.
Application No: 09/648,581
Hearing Room: A
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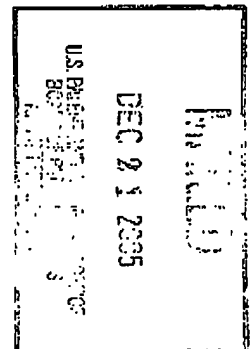
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